

## **Information for File # 2014-03061-WMS**

**Applicant: Wisconsin Central Railroad**

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**Section: 8**

**Township: 48N**

**Range: 14W**

**Information Complete On: January 7, 2015**

**Posting Expires On: February 7, 2015**

**Authorization Type: LOP-06-WI**

This application is being reviewed in accordance with the practices for documenting Corps jurisdiction under Sections 9 & 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act identified in Regulatory Guidance Letter 07-01. We have made a preliminary determination that the aquatic resources that would be impacted by the proposed project are regulated by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Our jurisdictional review and final jurisdictional determination could result in modifications to the scope of the project's regulated waterbody/wetland impacts and compensatory mitigation requirements identified above. An approved jurisdictional determination will be made prior to reaching a permit decision, and will be posted on the St. Paul District web page at <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/>.

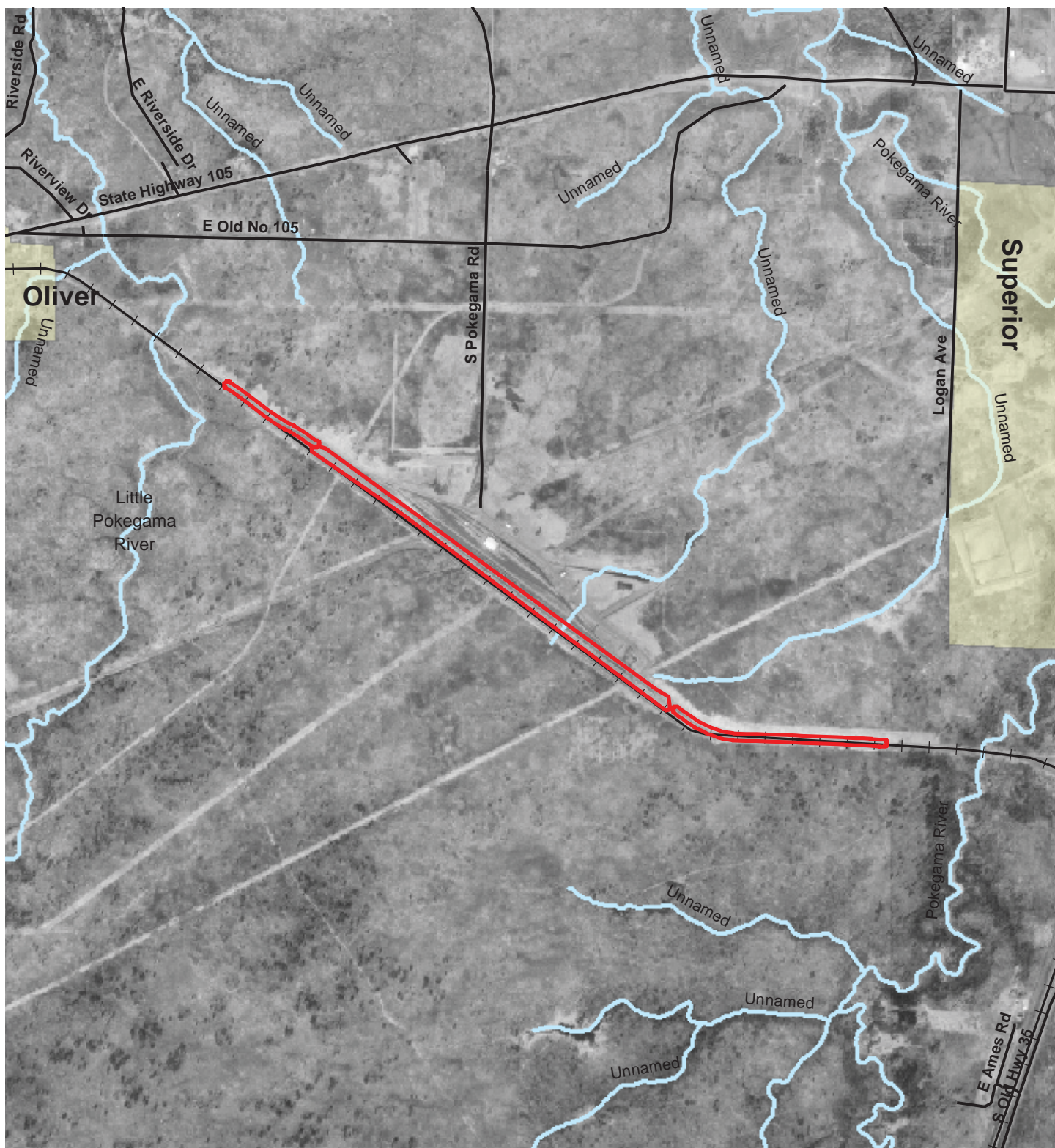
**Project Description and Purpose:** The applicant proposes to expand rail car storage and add bypass tracks at their Pokegama rail yard located between South Superior and Oliver, Wisconsin. The purpose of the project is to accommodate increased rail traffic converging into the Pokegama yard from multiple rail lines. The Pokegama rail yard project consists of 2 parts, an east part and west part. The east part would provide additional rail car storage capacity by constructing two new storage tracks (tracks 4 & 5). Each track would provide 2,600 feet of additional rail car storage. The west part would create two new bypass tracks (tracks 1 & 2) so through trains would not have to stop in

the yard. Currently, there is one bypass track in the yard. Each new track would be approximately 11,500 feet long.

**Name, Area and Types of Waters (Including Wetlands) Subject to Loss:** The project would result in discharges of fill material into a total of 1.78 acres of wetlands. The east part of the project would result in discharges of fill material into 0.8-acre of shallow marsh wetland that is currently located within the confines of an upland cut ditch. The west part of the project would result in discharges of fill material into 0.99-acre of wet sedge meadow wetlands.

**Compensatory Mitigation:** The applicant proposes to purchase wetland credits at a 1.2:1 ratio from a the Lake Superior Wetland Mitigation Bank and the City of Superior's Lyman Lake Wetland Mitigation Bank, both located in Douglas County, Wisconsin. The applicant may also purchase wetland credits from the Wisconsin Wetland Conservation Trust (WWCT) In-lieu Fee Program in the event that sufficient wetland mitigation bank credits are no longer available. A determination on the final debits from each bank site is pending.

**Drawings**      See attached.

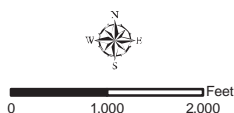


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**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION MAP**  
**POKEGAMA SIDING**  
**WISC. CENTRAL LTD. (WCL)**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY, WI**



- Legend**
- +— Railroad
  - Roads
  - Rivers and Streams
  - Villages
  - ▭ Proposed Track Expansion Areas

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- APPROXIMATE PROJECT BOUNDARY



- APPROXIMATE AREA OF WETLAND FILL (TOTAL WETLAND FILL FOR ENTIRE PROJECT IS 1.78 ACRES)

## FIGURE 1A

East Project Overview  
WCL/CN Pokegama Yard Expansion  
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## FIGURE 1B

Middle Project Overview  
WCL/CN Pokegama Yard Expansion  
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FIGURE 1C

West Project Overview  
 WCL/CN Pokegama Yard Expansion  
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